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- (a) The Department shall convene a Maryland Public Health Modernization Workgroup.
- (b) The Workgroup shall include representatives of the Department, local health departments, subject matter experts, and any other relevant stakeholders.
 - (c) The Workgroup shall:
- (1) Assess the current public health infrastructure and resources in the State;
- (2) Make recommendations for how to establish a modern and effective public health system with a capacity to:
- (i) Monitor, prevent, control, and mitigate the spread of infectious disease; and
 - (ii) Achieve State Health Improvement Process goals;
- (3) Make recommendations regarding the establishment of a Maryland Public Health Job Corps to respond to the outbreak of COVID–19 or similar outbreaks; and
- (4) Consider, where appropriate, the use of federal funds to implement any recommendations made under this subsection.
- (d) On or before December 1, 2021, the Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, that includes the findings and recommendations of the Workgroup established under this section.

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